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OPERATION STREETSWEeper

AUBURN MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: Timothy Gustafson, 38, of Auburn, was sentenced by the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire to 5 years imprisonment to be followed by 3 years federal supervised release. Gustafson's sentence was the result of his plea of guilty in January of this year to two counts of distributing crack cocaine in Manchester in the Spring of 2005. Gustafson was found guilty of distributing in excess of 5 grams of crack cocaine which resulted in a mandatory 5 year sentence.

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Manchester Police Department as part of Operation Streetsweeper. Operation Streetsweeper targets street dealers of illicit drugs in New Hampshire's largest cities for investigation and prosecution as a means of removing these individuals from the public and preventing urban neighborhoods from falling victim to those who may seek to sell drugs. The Operation Streetsweeper exposes defendants to longer sentences under the federal sentencing system than the defendants might face under the state system. The goal of this program is to use the longer federal sentences to deter those who might engage in the illicit sale of drugs.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated, "The prosecution of this case and others like it represents the continuing efforts of local and state law enforcement, working jointly with the United States Attorney's Office, to eradicate cocaine from the streets of New Hampshire."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.